CHANGES IN YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By
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Social security benefits are intended to replace in part loss of income brought about by the death, disability, or old-age retirement of the worker. For this reason, they are related to the average earnings of a worker in employment or self-employment covered by the social security law. Obviously, social security benefits are affected by changes in the national economy. Since the last benefit increase was put into effect in 1954, wages have increased by about 12 per cent and prices by 8 per cent. Congress felt that adjustments in the benefit scale were in order and voted an across-the-board increase in the amendments which the President signed into law on August 28, 1958. These benefits become effective at the beginning of 1959, and will be included in all benefit checks for January which will reach beneficiaries early in February. As I said in the first article in this series, it is not necessary to visit your social security office to apply for these increases. They will be made automatically.

The benefit increases for retired workers amount to about 7 per cent over the levels provided in the old law, with a minimum increase of $3.00 in the benefits payable to a retired worker who came on the rolls at or after age 65. Slightly smaller increases will be shown on the benefit checks of retired women workers who elected to retire at age 62 or at any age thereafter before reaching age 65. Proportionate increases will be made in benefits paid to beneficiaries who are the dependents or survivors of retired or deceased workers.

For retired male workers now getting benefit payments, the monthly payments, beginning with the payment for January, will range from $33 to $116, as compared with $30 to $108.50 under the old law. For women workers now getting retirement benefits the increased checks will range from $24.60 to $116 per month. This slightly lower minimum benefit is due to the fact that some women chose to retire before age 65.

Another change in the law will make possible larger maximum payments for many people coming on the benefit rolls in the future. This will be due to the change in the so-called "earnings base" on which payments are figured. Right now, only earnings up to a total of $4,200 a year can be credited to a worker's social security account; beginning with 1959, earnings up to $4,800 a year will be credited to a social security account. The largest monthly benefit payable to a retired worker with average yearly earnings of $4,800 will be $127. However, this maximum benefit cannot be reached for many years.

Along with the increase in benefits will come an increase in social security taxes. Beginning with January, employed persons will have one-fourth of 1 per cent additional taken out of their pay; the tax rate will be 2 1-2 per cent each for employee and employer. The rate for self-employed people will go up from 3 3-8 per cent to 3 3-4 per cent on their 1959 net earnings. The old rate, however, will apply to self-employment earnings for 1958 which must be paid when income tax returns are filed early in 1959.

NOTICE

To Taxpayers of Appomattox County

Tax Bills for 1958 have been mailed. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve a taxpayer of charges that will accrue under the law for failure to pay on or before December 5th. If you have not received your bill, please notify your County Treasurer.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Lesson School Lesson

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Matthew 8:1-17; Mark 1:29-34.
Devotional Reading: Matthew 9:35-38.

Body and Soul

Lesson for November 16, 1958

DERIVING through the typical American community, the visitor gets the impression that healthy people live here. All the persons he sees are able-bodied and active. But if you laid out on the courthouse lawn all the sick, the lame or the incapacitated, who belong to that community, you might think it a pretty sickly town. Nowadays we keep our sick folk carefully out of sight.

Dr. Foreman

But is is different in the Orient, where people with all sort of diseases are to be seen on every street. It was not different in Palestine in Jesus' time. One late afternoon, we read, they brought all the sick people in town (including some mentally ill) to the house where Jesus was staying, and collected around the door, a melancholy sight.

People are More Than Souls

That happened to be a Sabbath day, and Jesus had been (as we would say) to church and had taught there. He had also restored a man who had been under the influence of a screaming devil, if indeed he was not one himself; and had quietly and privately he had healed his host's mother. In the morning she had been too sick to go to church; after Jesus had cured her she was able to get a meal for the family. (Jesus' cures were not half-way starts.) You might think he would be tired, and probably he was; but this yard-full of sick people, cut under the twilight sky, moved him to action.

He did not say, and he never said on any occasion of record, to the sick that their sickness was doing them good, just accept it! He did not say, "I am a physician of souls —my interest is in the spirit of man, not his body." And above all, he did not say, "All your pain and suffering, your broken legs, your ulcers, are not real, they are only mistakes in your mental mind. Think you are well and you will be well; for pain and illness do not exist." Quite the contrary: Jesus was concerned for these people's physical health, he made cures of real diseases. For he was interested above all in people, and people are more than souls, they are souls-in-bodies.

Body Supports Soul

The Christian church today is coming awake to this fact. We knew it all the time, but now we are doing something about it. The great interest in healing which is now being shown by even the "old-line" churches, the growth of hospitals operated by the church, and the contribution the churches make (as in Boy Scout work, in playgrounds and in good-health instruction toward preventive medicine, are evidence of this.) A man who has been raising funds for a Christian hospital in the southern mountains writes, "The appeal . . . is meeting with almost unbelievable success, thanks to the Great Galilean whose spirit is the challenge."

One of the reasons why Christ first, and the church after him, have been interested in physical health is that if we are interested in the human spirit—as indeed we must be—we cannot afford to neglect the body as if it did not matter. Bodily illness affects the mind and the soul. A healthy body supports a healthy mind and soul.

Soul Supports Body

On the other hand, Jesus himself more than once showed that he knew this works both ways. If body supports soul, so soul supports body. Some doctor has calculated that more than half the patients in American hospitals, on any given day, would not be there if they had a different attitude toward life. A young man lay dying of pneumonia, away back B. P.—Before Penicillin—with a nurse on duty, when there was a knock at the door. No one thought the patient was conscious; but he was, and all set to die, till he heard the visitor whisper, "How is he?" The nurse answered, "He won't last till morning." The physical disease was not touched by those words, but the young man's spirit was. "I made up my mind I'd get well," he said . . . and he did. Long ago it was a proverb: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth up the bones."

In FASHION Now

This is the year to indulge in a shimmering brocade or a glimmering gold lamb evening coat. They are seen everywhere, and are worn from six o'clock on through the evening — which makes them a better investment than in the past when they were seen at only the after-dark most formal type party.

These coats are quite expensive because of the cost of the fabric that must be used and the labor involved in cutting and matching the different designs found in materials. Some coats are lined with silk, and others, designed for colder climates, are lined with a light-weight but very warm inter-lining.

The imported fabrics are a little more expensive, but we think they are worth the difference in cost.

Most fabric houses and department stores in the larger cities have worthy selections of fabrics and pattern patterns companies have done themselves giving you a wide choice of styles from which to choose. If you are handy with a needle and thread, you can create an evening coat for yourself and save a good hundred dollars.

We think the evening coat is not a fad that will pass in a couple of years, but is here for quite a spell, so don't skimp on the material used if you plan to make one. A light but warm lining will serve to make your coat hang better as well as enable you to wear it more places than you could an unlined number.

We know one smart lass who covered an old velvet evening bag with the material she used for her coat, and the effect was most pleasing.

When choosing your pattern make sure you choose one that is designed for an evening coat with the type fabric you plan to use recommended. Just any coat pattern will not do. We love these velvet shoes dyed the same color as the coat.

Cut velvet is used by many designers to fashion evening coats. Cut velvet is expensive and hard to work with. It is difficult to find a piece of sufficient quality to warrant your labor.

A nuclear reactor may be built in the Antarctic to supply power and heat for U. S. bases there.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Nov. 11.- A number from here attended the revival services at Forest. Rev. Robert Harris had charge of the services.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle spent the week-end in Richmond visiting relatives.

Mrs. Randall Wooldridge has returned home from the hospital, much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Austin, of Petersburg attended preaching services at the Baptist Church Sunday. They were en route to Lynchburg.

A few from here attended the Youth Rally of the Appomattox Baptist Association at Burkeville on Saturday.

Mrs. J. L. Evans is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carrico and son Mike, at Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin and family have moved back to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett visited Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Fleshman and son, Steve Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harvey and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Austin and son were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Canada, and daughter Sunday at Phenix.

The Rev. and Mrs. [illegible] and Mr. and Mrs. H. [illegible] ted in the home of Mr. Z. V. Harvey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alber[illegible] Hampton, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. LeGrand, of Richmond week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert and sons, of Lynchburg day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warriner. Others [illegible] home were Mrs. S. T. Z. E. Cheatham and Jack Hodges.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, burg spent Saturday parents, Mr. and Mrs. G

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SEVENTH GRADE

Mrs. Kathleen D. Larson

Freddy Carter, John Goin, Charlie Martin, Herbert Martin, Wayne Phelps, Elmer Phelps, Herbert Pulliam, David Reid, Lewis Sharpe, Sammie Scott, Jimmy Torrence, Roger Temples, Carolyn Coleman, Joyce Edmonds, Alice Evans, Barbara Gaines, Sue Giles, Anne Godsey, Patricia Hall, Gloria Jean Jarrell, Carol Justice, Carolyn Keys, Vicki Mayberry, Doris McIntosh, and Marvis Powell.

SIXTH GARDE

Mrs. Ethel A. Evans

Kenneth Baldwin, Neil Conner, James Cravens, Grey Hesson, Claud Richardson, Wilfred Rogers, George Scruggs, Ashby Wright, Linda Berkley, Nancy Boney, Katherine Caldwell, Gayle Clements, Carolyn Cordell, Joan Ferguson, Patricia Ferguson, Carolyn Hall, Margie Johnson, Susan O'Brien, Mamie Patricia Pankey, Cynthia Richardson, Katurah Smith, Vicki Smith, Lina Trent, Jeannette Williams, and Shirley Temples.

SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Ola S. Furbush

Kenneth Ferguson, Haven Fields, Jr., Glen O'Brien, Lynd Staten, James Sauder, Freddy Thomas, Becky Bargar, Dale Doss, Lynda Lee Mays, Linda Pierce, Anita Richardson, Lynda Ried, Mary Yancey Spencer, Judy Smith, Dabrella Thomas, Lois Woods, Brenda Williams, & Melaine Green.

FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Harriette Cunningham

Lawrence Byers, Sammy Carter, Barry Drew, Carroll Goodrich, Danny Hernecall, John Jenkins, Donald Pugh, and Joel Pugh, Charlie Wallace, Carolyn Gaines, Sandra Lace, Nancy Hughes, Linda Rogers, Helen Thompson, Gail Turner, and June Wright.

FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Isabell Ligon

Norman Booth, Louis Fields, Freddy Lee Godsey, Billy Guthrie, Jerry Justice, Bill Mann, Earl Martin, Pat Mayberry, Irie Mays, Billy Moore, Arnold Phelps, Charles Wilbun, Kenneth Wilkins, Corinne Abbitt, Betty Anderson, Linda Chandler, Nancy Cheatham, Nancy Cole, Faye Fuller, Linda Hall, Marion Inge, Susan Jennings, Elaine Notestein, and Glenda Richardson.

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Virginia Cyrus

Ken Coleman, Tommy Elliott, Alvin Franklin, Jonnie Johnson, Dan Mabley, Donald Ray Martin, Joel Watson, Nancy Baldwin, Brenda Carter, Reita Cordell, Nadine Grishaw, Bobby Harvey, Peggy Morris, Delores Wooten, Tommy Burley, Randy Ferguson, Delly O'Brien, Barbara Reid, Joyce Webb, and Linda Wooten.

FOURTH GRADE

Miss Nola Burkey

Roy Byers, David Hamilton, Ernest Hash, Jhonny Hicks, Robert Holt, John Lewis, Dale Mabley, Roger Dale Mayberry, Robert McKinney, Walton Pankey, James, Shirley, Robert Trent, Nancy Jane Abbitt, Donna Gail Conner, Elaine Ferguson, Judy Haley, Mary Lou Martin, Judy Ann McKinney, Phyllis Moore, and Carolyn Hash.

FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Thelma W. Martin

George Almond, Billy Batien, Bernard Bryant, Dennis Flynn, Dale Ferguson, Claude Gallier, Larry Guill, Robert Martin, Harold Pugh, Fred Richardson, James Smith, Clarence Smith, David Torrence, Michael Wallace, George Williams, Fay Conner, Rose Evans, Bertha Mays, Carolyn Maxwell, Margaret Moore, Eugenia Pugh, and Doris Thomas.

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Mildred T. Burkey

James Beamer, Benny Cole, Rex Gallier, Larry Johnson, Roger Slagle Joseph Watson, Alfred Wallace, Donald Williams, Shirley Cheatham, Dianne Doss, Pamela Ferguson, Sandra Gilbert, Judy Goodrich, Suzanne Guill, Linda Grinels, Alice Mays, Brenda Pugh, Patricia Tibbs, Louise Wheeler, & Richard Gallier.

THIRD GRADE

Miss Della Inge

Ronald Ayers, Edward Fulcher, Michael George, Ronald Harris, Clyde Harvey, James Johnson, Monte Mays, John Richardson, Michael Seay, Larry Smith, Kenneth Turner, Valeria Brannon, Martha Cordell, Deloris Ferguson, Joyce Ann Goin, Laverne Lawhorne, Gloria Mayberry, Dianne Smith, Carolyn Steppe, and Mary Ellen Thomas and Thresa Green.

SECOND GRADE

Miss Myrtle Smith

George Ray Baldwin, William Elliott, Barry Marcus, Larry Mays, John Redding, William Trent, Darrell Watson, James Wooldridge, Jean Carson, Debra Chernault, Wanda Doss, Amy Evans, Norma J. Ferguson, Mary Margaret Guill, Patricia Maxwell, Emma Pugh, Betty Reid, and Debra Scott.

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Monroe Byers, Cecil Carter Phillip Carter, Ronald Gowin, Dane Martin, Earl Mann, James Mann, Charlie Smelcer, Robert Williams, James Overby, Linda Bryant, Sandra Caldwell, Beverly Davidson, Janice Jamerson, Dale Mayberry, Brenda Massie, Linda Reynolds, Michelle Stanley, and Elizabeth Trent.

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Sallye Martin

Jessie Arthurm, Hal Chambers, Don Conner, Ted Dickerson, Larry Wayne Franklin, Jonnie Guthrie, Calvin Hooper, Carlton Mann, Samuel Lee Page, Tommy Terry, Bill Watson, Danny Wayne Wooten, Rosa Mae Baarn, Delano Mae Barksdale, Beth Cravens, Cathy Harvey, Anne Hernecall, Elizabeth Johnson, Nancy Mann, Evelyn Powel, Maria Lea Wilson.

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Miss Perezea Coleman

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Although chances are slim that a blight-free American chestnut can be propagated, efforts are still being made to do so, Holcomb says.

Landowners, and others, who find live chestnut trees are asked to report to their county agents or to the VPI Agricultural Extension Service's forestry department in Blacksburg. Such trees should be at least eight inches in diameter (25 inches in circumference at 4 1-2 feet above the ground or about a 10-inch stump). They should have one or more live branches. Chinese or hybrid chestnuts are not wanted.

Ultimatum

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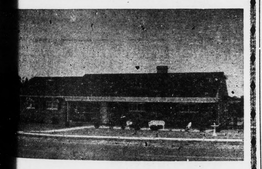

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